

REMARKS

Claims 6-9 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1-5 are canceled without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein. No new matter is added.

I. Information Disclosure Statement

The Office Action indicates that the copending application listed as Attorney Docket No. 116959 at item number 3 in the Information Disclosure Statement filed on September 5, 2003, was not considered. An Information Disclosure Statement is submitted concurrently with this Amendment providing the U.S. Patent Application No. 10/648,389 of the patent application listed as Attorney Docket No. 116959. As this application is cited against claim 1 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting, the reference has been considered by the Examiner. Therefore, return of an initialed copy of the Information Disclosure Statement Form 1449 is respectfully requested.

II. Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 1-5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,780,731 to Matsui et al. (Matsui) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,201,310 to Adachi et al. (Adachi). As claims 1-5 are canceled, rejection of those claims under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) is moot.

III. Double Patenting

Claim 1 is rejected under the judicially created doctrine of non-statutory obviousness-type double patenting, as obvious over U.S. Patent Application 10/648,389 in view of U.S. Patent 6,201,310. The use of U.S. Patent Application is improper as the reference is not listed on the Form PTO-892 provided with this Office Action. However, as claim 1 is canceled and the rejection is moot.

IV. New Claims

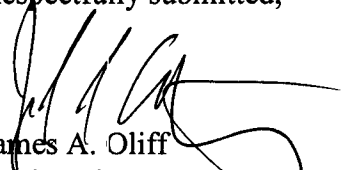
None of the applied references, whether considered alone or in combination, disclose or suggest each and every feature recited in claims 6-9. For example, the combination of references fails to disclose or suggest a belt-drive system driven by an internal combustion engine mounted on an automotive vehicle, the belt-drive system comprising... wherein the plurality of driven pulleys include a pulley of an automatic belt-tensioner that controls a belt tension and pulleys of a first generator and a second generator, an inertia moment of the first generator being larger than an inertia moment of the second generator; the pulley of the first generator includes a one-way clutch that transmits rotational torque in one direction from the crank shaft pulley to a rotor of the first generator, as recited in claim 6 or the similar features recited in claims 7-9. Accordingly, claims 6-9 are allowable over the references of record.

V. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 6-9 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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Information Disclosure Statement

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